

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2002-6-G - ORDER NO. 2002-309

APRIL 22, 2002

IN RE: Annual Review of Purchased Gas Adjustment	)	ORDER DENYING
(PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies of South	)	REQUEST OF THE
Carolina Pipeline Corporation.	)	CONSUMER
	)	ADVOCATE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). The Consumer Advocate requests that this Commission require an examination of the provision of firm transportation service in the upcoming proceeding on South Carolina Pipeline Corporation's Annual Review of Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies. An objection to such a procedure has been received from South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (SCPC).

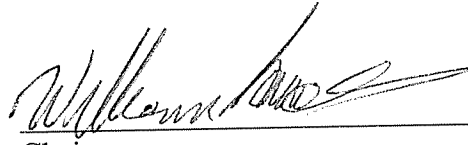
SCPC states that SCPC's PGA proceeding is designed to review issues regarding SCPC's gas purchasing policies and practices and to determine whether the Company adhered to applicable tariff provisions relating to the recovery of its gas cost. SCPC asserts that the annual PGA proceeding is not designed to address whether or not a new tariff service such as firm transportation should be offered, accordingly, SCPC asserts that whether or not SCPC should be required to offer firm transportation service is not a relevant issue for consideration in its PGA proceeding. SCPC points to the fact that we

have previously considered this question in the prior SCPC PGA proceeding last year, and we held that the issue was not relevant. See Order No. 2001-496.

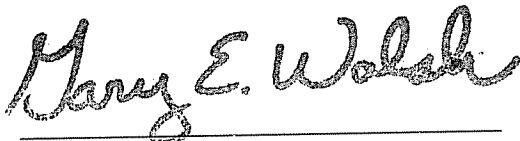
After a close examination of this matter, we agree with SCPC. We continue to believe that the issue of whether or not firm transportation should be offered is not relevant in a PGA proceeding. We therefore deny the Consumer Advocate's request.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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